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OPERATIONS OF THE FLEET

A Detailed Report Received From Admiral Sampson.

SPANIARDS GIVEN NO REST

Big Guns of Our Ships Keep the Enemy Busy Repairing Their Shattered Forts—The Vessels Constantly in Action—The Cubans Praised for Their Assistance.

The Navy Department at 12 o'clock today posted the following written report from Admiral Sampson on the operations of his fleet and the landing of Gen. Shafter's Army:

"On the morning of the 16th the batteries at the entrance of Santiago were subjected to a severe bombardment by the fleet. The firing was deliberate and in general most excellent. The batteries were quickly silenced."

"On the 15th the Texas, Marblehead, and Suwannee destroyed the fort at Guantanamo. On the 16th the Yankee engaged a Spanish gunboat off Cienfuegos. On the 17th Lieut. Harlow, with two steam launches, one under Cadet Powell and one under Hart, made an examination of Cuban Bay. The launches were subjected to a heavy and continual fire at short range and were struck seventeen times, although no one was hurt. Lieut. Harlow in his report particularly praises the conduct of Cadets Hart and Powell and Coxswain O'Donnell and Blom."

"On the 19th Gen. Garcia and his staff visited the flagship, having arrived that morning at Gen. Rabi's camp at Aserradero. My impressions of Gen. Garcia are of the most pleasant character. He is a large handsome man of most frank and engaging manners, and of most soldierly appearance."

"The fleet has at my direction furnished arms, clothing and food to the Cuban forces both east and west of Santiago. Much has been done in this direction at Guantanamo by Commander McCulla, who has been most energetic in rendering them all the assistance possible. Great activity and courage has been shown by the Cubans at Guantanamo and Commander McCulla is most eulogistic in reference to their conduct."

"There are about 10,000 Cuban forces in this vicinity. On the 20th the army transports arrived and Gen. Shafter and I paid a visit to General Garcia and Rabi. The success of disembarkation was rendered difficult by heavy seas, the heaviest which we have had during the three weeks the fleet has been stationed here. By 3 o'clock in the afternoon, however, 4,600 men were ashore and the work was proceeding with great rapidity."

"The pier was not injured and one of the steamers went alongside of it. The water supply was not injured."

"The Vesuvius has been here, the explosion of the shells producing very great effect."

"This letter presumably was sent through the new postoffice of the American forces at Balquid. It covers all the important operations of the fleet from the bombardment on June 15 to the landing of Gen. Shafter's army."

"The description of the work of the Vesuvius is especially interesting, as it puts the official seal of Admiral Sampson's favor on the dynamite circuit."

Apparently the Vesuvius has fired more shots than the newspaper accounts have suggested."

Unique Golden Wedding.

Richmond, Va., June 28.—Dr. Leonard C. Crump and his wife, who was Miss Emily A. Savage, of New Kent county, celebrated their wedding last night with a family reunion at their home on Church Hill. The celebration was unique in two respects. The six-month-old grandson and namesake of Dr. Crump was christened, having come all the way from Denver for this purpose, and the cards of guests were received at the door by John Smith, the colored butler, who had helped serve the wedding supper fifty years ago. He is the only person now living who witnessed the marriage ceremony."

A Virginia Maid of Honor.

Staunton, Va., June 28.—State Senator John N. Ople has appointed Miss Virginia Fishburn, of Waynesboro, Va., from the Tenth Congressional district, as maid of honor to the Virginia sponsor at the Confederate reunion at Atlanta. Miss Fishburn is a beautiful blonde, highly accomplished, with literary talent, and is the daughter of E. G. Fishburn, a gallant ex-Confederate."

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SOLDIERS IN GOOD HEALTH

Gen. Shafter Denies Reports That Yellow Fever Exists.

OUR ARMY IN FINE FORM

Santiago Could Be Carried by Assault in Forty-eight Hours if Desired—The American Forces Increasing in Strength, While the Spaniards Grow Weaker.

In reply to a telegram sent at the instance of the President asking about the reports that yellow fever had made its appearance among the troops at Santiago, General Shafter states that the reports are absolutely false. The weather, he says, is very good and the health of the troops is excellent."

General Shafter also reports that after surveying the field he could carry Santiago by assault in forty-eight hours, although his guns are not yet in position. He will not, however, undertake this at once, because his own forces are constantly growing in strength while the Spaniards are growing weaker."

The War Department made public this morning the following dispatch:

"Playa del Este, June 28.

"Secretary of War.

"Off Siboney, Cuba, June 27.—The graves of the dead are marked so that there will be no mistake in identification. The health of the command is reported to me by the surgeons as remarkable, outside of the wounded. There are today less than 150 men sick. So far no wounded have died and but two men of disease since leaving Tampa."

(Signed.) "SHAFTER."

CUBAN ENTHUSIASM.

Half-Starved Patriots Eager to Fight the Spaniards.

Playa del Este, June 28.—The 2,000 insurgents from Gen. Calixto Garcia's command, who were embarked on the transport Leonora at Aserradero on the morning of June 25, and who arrived at Siboney the same afternoon, are still under the command of Brig. Gen. Sanchez. They landed through the heavy surf, and lined up equipped, half naked and in some instances entirely nude. Weak as they were, they stood up proudly and shouted "Cuba Libre." They were viewed with astonishment by the military representatives of Russia, Germany, Japan and Sweden, who were utterly at a loss to understand the enthusiasm of men in their miserable condition."

The famished men, nearly all of whom have been macheteras under Maceo and Garcia during the three years' war, and some of whom are veterans of the ten years' war, were overjoyed to meet the American troops, and at the sight of food they fell to like starving men. With swollen feet and every evidence of long suffering, they cheerfully got themselves in readiness to march tonight in advance of the regulars toward Santiago."

AN AVALANCHE OF DIMES.

Mrs. Schenck's Endless Chain of Red Cross Letters.

Babylon, L., June 28.—Mrs. Adeline Schenck, who is spending the Summer here with her father, Matthew Morgan, a retired New York banker, is receiving more mail than half the number of other patrons put together. Since Mrs. Schenck started an endless chain of letters for the Red Cross her mail has increased daily, until now it numbers more than a thousand letters. The increase has been much more than was expected."

Mrs. Schenck is compelled to devote practically her whole time to opening letters and counting 10-cent pieces, one of which is received in each letter. She has already received and sent to the Red Cross Society nearly \$1,000, and unless the chain is broken, it is believed, will receive during the coming week as much more."

Spain's Obdurate Course.

London, June 28.—Spain's obstinate course in prolonging a hopeless war not only puzzles English politicians but is drawing sympathy from her."

The chances of peace are earnestly discussed in Parliamentary circles. After a cabinet meeting a leading minister said:

"Spain has as yet taken no step toward peace, and it is impossible to see how she is assiduously trying to enlist the support of the Continental powers, but with no tangible result."

It is stated that Queen Victoria continues to evince deep interest in the situation of the Queen Regent, but beyond urging Prince Salabury to lose no chance of adding peace, she refrains from interference in the action of the government."

Lord Salisbury visited the Queen at Windsor after the cabinet meeting yesterday to inform her of the latest phases of the situation at Madrid, as to which she manifests lively concern."

Hit by a Tarantula.

Easton, Md., June 28.—H. E. Aldrich, a fruiturer, doing business on Dover Street, Easton, was bitten on his hand yesterday by a tarantula, which jumped from a bunch of bananas. Quickly Mr. Aldrich's hand swelled to thrice its natural size. He had presence of mind enough to ligature the wrist, thus keeping the poison from the larger veins and arteries. Then he rushed into Roberts' drug store, close by, with a hand at that time nearly as big as his head and called for iodine. A stream of this liquid was poured on the hand, the ligature was bound more tightly around the wrist and in an hour the swelling had visibly subsided, and in another hour the pain was gone and the hand reduced nearly to the normal size."

Favored for Congress.

Elkton, Md., June 28.—The Democratic convention of Cecil county yesterday elected delegates who will support Dr. Charles M. Ellis, of Elkton, for the nomination for Congress."

Virginia Hot Springs.

Situated in the Alleghany Mountains, 2,500 feet above sea level, the Virginia Hot Springs combine comfort and attraction with health-renewing influences. Pamphlets and full information at Chesapeake and Ohio ticket offices, 515 and 1424 Pennsylvania Avenue."

12 in. stock boards, \$11.50 1,000 ft. 13 in. same quality everywhere else.

THE PRESIDENT'S THANKS.

General Shafter Complimented for the Victory at La Quesnada.

The following correspondence was given out at the War Department this morning: "War Department, June 28.

"Major General Shafter, Commanding.

"The President desires me to send his thanks to you and your army for the gallant action of yesterday, which I gladly do."

(Signed.) "R. A. ALGER."

"Secretary of War."

In reply to this the following was received:

"Balquid, June 28.

"Hon. Secretary of War.

"Sincere thanks to the President for his congratulations."

(Signed.) "SHAFTER, Maj. Gen."

THIRD CALL FOR TROOPS.

Report That One Will Soon Be Made Is Denied.

Regarding the persistent rumors to the effect that President McKinley will early next week issue a third call for troops, Adjutant General Corbin made the positive statement to a Times reporter today that there is no present likelihood of the call being made next week. General Corbin said:

"I know nothing of such a call being made other than what I have seen reiterated in the newspapers during the past few days. I can assure that I know nothing of a third call being made in the immediate future and that the President has not even suggested, as far as I know, the possibility of another call. I do not believe the printed statements to the contrary."

PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRATS.

Enthusiastic Convention in Session at Altoona.

Altoona, Pa., June 28.—The Democratic State convention was called to order at 12:45 today by State Chairman Garman. He named P. A. O'Boylan, of Wilkesbarre, to be temporary chairman. O'Boylan, in his speech, made one allusion to Bryan, which brought down the house. On motion of a delegate, three cheers were given for the Chicago platform."

THE SUNDAY CIVIL BILL

A Further Conference Agreed to in the House Today.

THE POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT

Five Items for the Conference to Settle—Voted to Non-Concure—The Office of United States Attorney for the District of Columbia—Speaker Reed Breaks a Record.

Speaker Reed was late in arriving at the House today, for the first time, it is said, during his long career as its presiding officer. It was two minutes after 12 when he entered from the lobby with rapid strides, and, seizing the gavel, opened the proceedings."

Mr. Cannon submitted the conference report on the sundry civil appropriation bill. It was the same report that was agreed to by the Senate yesterday."

Mr. Cannon said that as tomorrow will be the last day of the fiscal year, unless the sundry civil bill is passed within that period a resolution to extend the current year's appropriations would be necessary. He hoped the bill would pass."

He added that five points of disagreement remain. One was the appropriation of \$120,000 for a public building at Annapolis. The Senate contended that it had been the practice of the Government to erect public buildings at State capitals; that Annapolis has none; that public buildings at State capitals are authorized on appropriation bills, and hence the Annapolis item should stand. The other questions of disagreement were: Fifty thousand dollars for a public building at Butte, Mont.; \$10,000 for Gage Bay, Oregon; \$50,000 for a soldiers' home sanitarium at the Hot Springs of South Dakota; and relating to the office of United States attorney for the District of Columbia."

Several members spoke in favor of insisting upon the disagreement and of fighting it out with the Senate."

A motion to postpone the further conference was agreed to, and at the suggestion of Mr. Cannon, to show the Senate that the House was in earnest, it was carried by a rising vote and unanimously, 117 members voting."

The bill on which the House was voting when it adjourned last night was called by Mr. Hull, chairman of the Military Committee."

Mr. Handy suggested that the bill to appoint the appointment of Charles Loeffler, of the White House, to be military storekeeper be withdrawn. Mr. Hull refused to withdraw it. Mr. Handy persisted in moving the bill and demanded a division. The vote stood, aye, 72, nays 47."

Mr. Handy made the point of no quorum. The Speaker counted 120 members present, twenty-nine short of a quorum. The doors were ordered closed and the clerk proceeded to call the roll on the passage of the bill."

Mr. Bynkin's Address.

Omaha, Neb., June 28.—Four thousand prominent educators from different parts of the United States are in Omaha attending the educational session, J. C. Boykin, of the United States Bureau of Education at Washington, gave a twenty-minute talk on "Women in Public School Work."

Another Spanish Squadron.

Madrid, June 28.—The queen regent today authorized the formation of an auxiliary squadron of warships at Cadix."

Short pieces of jolt and studding, 10 foot, in 5, 6, 7 and 8-foot lengths.

The weather—Libbey & Co. say—Fair tonight and tomorrow.

MORE MEN FOR SANTIAGO.

Nine Thousand Volunteers Leave Tampa for Cuba.

Troops are leaving Tampa for the front today. Gen. Miles said this afternoon that eight or nine thousand men of the Fourth Army Corps would have left Tampa for Santiago before sunset today."

It is believed that the District Regiment is among those ordered to re-enforce General Shafter."

TO SMUGGLE CHINESE IN.

Secret Service Agents Discover an Elaborate Plot.

Dallas, Texas, June 28.—Thomas B. Hicks, an American resident of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, brings the information that a plot, which has for its object the smuggling of Chinese men to this country from Mexico on an extensive scale, is about to be frustrated through the action of the United States secret service agents."

The investigators of the unlawful traffic reside in the City of Mexico, and were in direct communication with immigration societies of China. The syndicate is paid from \$10 to \$100 by each Chinaman when the work is completed."

A COUNCIL OF WAR HELD

More Re-enforcements May Be Sent to Shafter.

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Spain's Report the Americans Failing Back From Santiago."

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CAMARA WILL COME BACK

Proposed Cruise to the Philippines Is Abandoned.

MANY OBSTACLES IN THE WAY

The Suez Canal Company Demands Payment of the Tolls in Gold—it Would Take Twelve Days for the Fleet to Reach the Red Sea—Watson to Hurry to Gibraltar.

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LINEARES' PLAN OF DEFENSE.

The Spaniards Expected to Make a Strong Resistance at Santiago.

Balquid, June 27, via Playa del Este, June 28.—News has been received at the Cuban headquarters at Siboney and communicated here by General Joaquin Castillo to General Shafter that the Spaniards are strongly entrenched at Santa Ursula and Lagunas, both important entrances to Santiago City. They have erected two heavy batteries, including, it is believed, some guns which were landed from the Spanish cruisers Vizcaya and Almirante Oquendo. These batteries are supported by 6,000 men."

The Cuban outposts at Hicacos report that the Spaniards have erected a strong fortress and strengthened their other defenses."

General Shafter has issued rigid orders that the troops shall not engage the Spaniards unnecessarily. He wants to keep the troops ready for a decisive attack."

It is known that the Spaniards will make a strong resistance."

THANKS FOR HERO HOBSON

The Senate Authorizes His Transfer to the Line.

HIS CREW IS REMEMBERED

The Name of Each of the Gallant Seven Who Assisted in the Undertaking Incorporated in the Resolution—Commanders of the Hudson and McCulloch Also Honored.

The Senate today passed a resolution, tendering the thanks of Congress to Assistant Naval Constructor Richmond Pearson Hobson and to the volunteer crew of the Merrimack, and authorizing the transfer of the hero of Santiago harbor from the Construction Corps to the line of the United States Navy."

After the resolution had been agreed to, Mr. Hoar requested that it be reconsidered and that the names of the whole crew under Hobson be inserted in the resolution. He said it seemed to him that, where such a deed of heroism had been done, and where all those persons who took part in it were volunteers, and especially where there were but eight men in all, that each one should be mentioned specifically in the resolution. Continuing Mr. Hoar said:

"This is one of the great marks of honor which this world has to give. A hundred or five hundred years hence the descendants of the seven other men will know that their ancestors performed the deed, and received this mark of the gratitude of the country, with a pride with which no duke's or earl's strawberry mark can compare."

Mr. Perkins said he fully agreed with Mr. Hoar, and, as he had had the same object in view, he had secured the names from the Secretary of the Navy."

Mr. Hale, who had charge of the resolution, said that he should not object, although the President did not name these gallant heroes. The bill was drafted, he said, by the Navy Department."

Mr. Hale then moved to reconsider